



WAYLAND

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Wayland, west of Boston in Middlesex County, was originally settled in 1673 as part of the Sudbury plantation. The early settlers' economy was based on agriculture although some industries, such as grist and saw milling, grew from the available water power supply. The town is now an affluent suburban community within easy commuting distance of the city and retains no indications of its early industrial history.

Wayland was incorporated in 1780 but received its present name much later. The town was named after Francis Wayland, a preacher and president of Brown University, who established the first free library in Massachusetts, in Wayland, in 1848. It is one of the home communities of those executives who manage and direct companies in the high-tech industrial belt which occupies a good deal of the territory on and between Route 128 and Route 495, as well as of those who commute to the major Boston business and commercial centers. The town is praised by residents for its rural elegance and country charm and for its location, which makes all of the Boston area's cultural and recreational opportunities available. The school system is also a source of pride to the community, which feels that Wayland's school population receives one of the best educations the state has to offer. In modern times, Wayland has spent considerable time and effort establishing and protecting quiet, handsome neighborhoods of spacious homes. Townspeople have funded the purchase of property to maintain open space and have been aided in retaining a rural character for the town by the establishment of a national wildlife preserve. In addition, a portion of scenic Lake Cochituate lies within Wayland. The town maintains a municipal beach on the lake.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the

Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Sudbury and Framingham on the west, Natick on the south, Concord and Lincoln on the north, and Weston on the east. The Sudbury River, Snake Brook, and part of Lake Cochituate are located in Wayland. Wayland is 17 miles west of Boston; 26 miles east of Worcester; 50 miles north of Providence, Rhode Island; and 203 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 15.91 sq. miles

Land Area: 15.24 sq. miles

Population: 11,874

Density: 779 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Natick, Concord, Framingham, Maynard

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 358-7701

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1835

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 7,851

Democrats 1,934 24.6 % Republicans 1,424 18.1 % Other parties 4 0.1 % Unenrolled Voters 4,489 57.2 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Wayland town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	13,100	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	13,100	100.0
Male.....	6,312	48.2	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	151	1.2
Female.....	6,788	51.8	Mexican.....	24	0.2
Under 5 years.....	937	7.2	Puerto Rican.....	24	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	1,152	8.8	Cuban.....	13	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,114	8.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	90	0.7
15 to 19 years.....	749	5.7	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	12,949	98.8
20 to 24 years.....	246	1.9	White alone.....	11,971	91.4
25 to 34 years.....	884	6.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,350	17.9	Total population.....	13,100	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,322	17.7	In households.....	12,940	98.8
55 to 59 years.....	861	6.6	Householder.....	4,625	35.3
60 to 64 years.....	617	4.7	Spouse.....	3,305	25.2
65 to 74 years.....	1,037	7.9	Child.....	4,389	33.5
75 to 84 years.....	618	4.7	Own child under 18 years.....	3,672	28.0
85 years and over.....	213	1.6	Other relatives.....	304	2.3
Median age (years).....	41.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	77	0.6
18 years and over.....	9,341	71.3	Nonrelatives.....	317	2.4
Male.....	4,361	33.3	Unmarried partner.....	133	1.0
Female.....	4,980	38.0	In group quarters.....	160	1.2
21 years and over.....	9,088	69.4	Institutionalized population.....	153	1.2
62 years and over.....	2,236	17.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	7	0.1
65 years and over.....	1,969	14.3	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	824	6.3	Total households.....	4,625	100.0
Female.....	1,044	8.0	Family households (families).....	3,722	80.5
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,913	41.4
One race.....	12,929	98.7	Married-couple family.....	3,305	71.5
White.....	12,080	92.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,718	37.1
Black or African American.....	98	0.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	329	7.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	13	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	164	3.5
Asian.....	699	5.3	Nonfamily households.....	903	19.5
Asian Indian.....	134	1.0	Householder living alone.....	743	16.1
Chinese.....	400	3.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	351	7.6
Filipino.....	19	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,969	42.6
Japanese.....	33	0.3	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,194	25.8
Korean.....	69	0.5	Average household size.....	2.80	(X)
Vietnamese.....	9	0.1	Average family size.....	3.15	(X)
Other Asian ¹	35	0.3	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	4	-	Total housing units.....	4,735	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,625	97.7
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	3	-	Vacant housing units.....	110	2.3
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	32	0.7
Some other race.....	35	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	171	1.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.8	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	4,625	100.0
White.....	12,225	93.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,242	91.7
Black or African American.....	136	1.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	383	8.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	37	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.86	(X)
Asian.....	772	5.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.14	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	10	0.1			
Some other race.....	103	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 56

Conventional Federal: 80

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 77



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Wayland is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 27; cross-state U.S. Route 20; and the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate Route 90), which passes along the southern border with Natick.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from neighboring Weston. Travel time from Kendal Green: 28-29 min.; 100 MBTA parking spaces. Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

Bus

Wayland is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Cavalier Coach Corp. provides commuter service to 4 locations in Boston. Big W Transportation offers service to Boston.

Other

Minute Man Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility located in Stow, is easily accessible. It has a 1,600'x 50' gravel runway and a 2,743'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Wayland Historical Society

12 Cochituate Road

(508) 358-7959

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Cochituate Nursing Home, Inc.

Kathryn Barton Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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